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Recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer during its earliest stages.

Whereas approximately 12,900 women are diagnosed with, and 4,400 women die from, cervical cancer in the United States each year;

Whereas women who are members of certain racial or ethnic minorities and women who have a low income are more likely than other women to die from cervical cancer;

Whereas cervical cancer is primarily caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV) and can be detected by a Papanicolaou test (Pap test) or other early detection tests;

Whereas the earlier cervical cancer is detected the better chance a woman has of surviving cervical cancer;

Whereas women of certain racial or ethnic minorities, women who have less than a high school education, and women who have a low income are less likely than other women to receive a Pap test or other early detection test for cervical cancer; and

Whereas cervical cancer survivors have shown tremendous courage and determination in the face of adversity: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress—

3   (1) recognizes the importance of good cervical
4   health and of detecting cervical cancer during its
5   earliest stages;

6   (2) urges health care facilities and other med-
7   ical institutions to continue to raise public awareness
8   about cervical cancer and the importance of early
9   detection;

10   (3) urges the people of the United States to
11   learn about cervical cancer and the importance of
12   early detection; and

13   (4) recognizes the survivors of cervical cancer
14   for their tremendous courage and determination.

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